

WARDEN MESSAGE

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This message is intended for the American community in Syria. If you have any questions, please contact the Consular Section at the above address. If you wish to be added to our e-mail distribution, we invite you to complete the registration process through our new registration website. To access the site please enter the following link address <http://travel.state.gov> or directly, at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs>

WARDENS: Transmission of the following announcement by telephone is mandatory.

This Warden Message alerts U.S. citizens to the latest information regarding human cases of 2009-H1N1 Influenza, sometimes referred to as swine flu or novel H1N1. The Syrian Ministry of Health, which no longer conducts routine screenings for H1N1, has reported there have been 113 confirmed cases of H1N1 in Syria with two deaths. The Ministry of Health has established the following telephone number, staffed 24 hours a day, to respond to public inquiries concerning H1N1 Influenza: 963-11-331-0401

Due to legal restrictions and a lack of sufficient resources, the Embassy is not in a position to provide private citizens with pandemic-related supplies, medications or medical treatment, including vaccines, and cannot provide specific medical advice. Questions and concerns about influenza or other illnesses should be directed to a medical professional. A list of local hospitals and doctors can be found on our website at <http://damascus.usembassy.gov/doctors.html>.

For more information on how to prepare for a severe pandemic, please see the State Department "[Pandemic Influenza Fact Sheet](#)" and "[Options During a Pandemic](#)" flyer located on <http://travel.state.gov>. Detailed information about 2009-H1N1 influenza can be found on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu>, the U.S. Government's federal influenza website at <http://www.flu.gov>, and the World Health Organization website at <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>.

U.S. citizens residing or traveling in Syria are encouraged to register with the Embassy through the State Department's travel registration website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>, to obtain updated travel and security information. U.S. citizens without Internet access may register directly with the Embassy. Registration is important; it allows the Embassy and the State Department to assist you in an emergency.

The U.S. Embassy is located in Abou-Roumaneh, Al Mansour Street, 2, between Rawda Square and Malki Street. The telephone number is (011) 3391-4444. The email for American Citizen Services is acsdamascus@state.gov and the Embassy website is at <http://damascus.usembassy.gov>